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Kevin Gregson looks at the camera in a police interrogation video and apologizes to Eric Czapnik's family. HANDOUT

Safety latch kept Czapnik from shooting me: Accused killer

On trial. Court hears accused killer describe struggle for weapon in video

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If it hadn't been for the latch on Const. Eric Czapnik's holster, the officer "would've been OK," according to the man on trial for his murder.

Kevin Gregson said so during a police interview conducted after he stabbed Czapnik at the Ottawa Hospital Dec. 29, 2009.

In a video of the interview, shown in court Tuesday, Gregson wears only a suicide-proof jumpsuit and talks to Ottawa police Sgt. Timothy Hodgins for more than three hours about his Mormon faith, his inability to kill himself with a knife and why that led him to the hospital in search of a police officer to steal a gun from.

After two and a half hours, Sgt. Timothy Hodgins challenges him: "Do you even know how to take our guns out of our holsters?"

"Do the slide thing," Gregson says, softly and then changes his tone, suddenly sounding alarmed. "Oh, hey, that's right. Oh, my gosh."

Then he says he doesn't know how to unlatch a gun from an Ottawa police holster — only how to slide one out of the RCMP holsters he used as a Mountie.

"Did he even go to his gun?" Hodgins asks.

"Yes, he did. We were both grabbing for it.... I might regret this. If he didn't have that latch, he would've been OK."

Gregson clams up, telling Hodgins he'll hear his story one day in court.

Throughout the video he never says he "stabbed" Czapnik, but his lawyers admit that as a fact.

At the end, Hodgins tells him to look up at the camera and say something to Czapnik's family.

"I'm sorry about your dad," Gregson says.

"That's it?" asks Hodgins.

"Yeah, that's it," Gregson replies.

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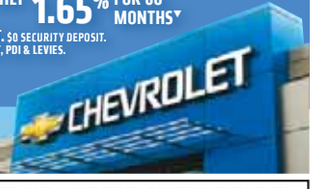

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Facility saw through X-ray scam

Provincewide. X-ray fraud likely stretched across Ontario, according to police

What do barrels containing an estimated 30,000 stolen X-rays add up to?

Apparently a bunch of silver and a whole heap of trouble for one Toronto man, say Ottawa police.

"I'm not up on the chemical process, but apparently there is silver that can be extracted from the X-ray film and with that many it can add up to a good chunk," said Staff Sgt. Kevin McCaffery, on Tuesday.

Hospitals and medical labs have contracts with firms that recycle the silver and most have a regular pick up arranged. But McCaffery said an alert was sent out from the Toronto area recently about a man pretending to be an employee of one of these recycling firms. He said the scam became apparent to lab workers when the real recycling firm showed up after a fake pick up.

McCaffery said an Ottawa facility became suspicious when a man showed up for their X-rays and notified police.

Billy Dimitro, 37, was arrested by Ontario police in the Smiths Falls area Feb. 22 after Ottawa police gave them information about a vehicle obtained from the Ottawa lab, McCaffery said.

He said Ottawa police are now handling the investigation and suspect that many facilities around Ontario may have been targeted.

Dimitro is to appear in court next week on a single count of fraud, McCaffery said. **SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO**

Keeping the line in order at burger giveaway

The Works employee Chris Risdahl pretends to hold back Micheline Lane, wearing a white hat, Jenna Johnston with the brown bag and Kyra Rose as they line up for free hamburgers at the restaurants 10-year anniversary charity burger giveaway. Instead of charging for burgers all The Works locations were collecting donations for local charities including the Ottawa Foodbank. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Salvation Army strike enters second month

Unionized workers gather outside the office of Graham Bird, a Salvation Army Board member, in protest of their continued wage dispute. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Salvation Army workers at the Booth Centre entered their second month on strike Tuesday as they continued to demand management increase wages.

The workers marked the two-month strike by protesting at noon Tuesday in front of the office of Graham Bird, a Salvation Army Board member, to present Bird with an information package backing up their demands for increased wages.

About 60 unionized workers at the George Street location walked off the job Jan. 6. Salvation Army management said in a statement Tuesday the organization is continuing to provide social services to its clients during the strike, but it would like to see the workers return to work.

"The Salvation Army values its employees and the important contribution they make in caring for our vulnerable clients, which is why we have developed a fair and equitable offer for our unionized employees," said Michael Maidment, Salvation Army spokesperson.

Management is offering employees a 7.5 per cent increase over three years, retroactive to April 1, 2011. The offer also includes signing bonuses of $500 and $250 for full-time and part-time employees respectively.

Management also said it is willing to go to binding arbitration if the union and its membership agrees.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada local 73100, which represents the workers at the Booth Centre, said at the beginning of the strike that arbitration would not be an option. The union said management's offer isn't fair and they want higher wage increases. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

On the web

Harry runs

Prince Harry bolts forth in a race with the world's fastest runner in Jamaica on Tuesday. Watch the "race" at metronews.ca/video.

Local chefs go head-to-head on reality cooking show

Top Chef Canada. Local men among chefs competing for grand prize of $100k and a GE Monogram kitchen worth $30k

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Local chefs Curtis Luk and Jonathan Korecki may have a cordial relationship when they pass by each other in the By-Ward Market alleyway, but on Top Chef Canada they are definitely rivals.

They are among 16 Canadian chefs chosen to compete on Season 2 of the Food Network Canada reality series, which premieres Monday at 10 p.m. Each week contestants are eliminated as they perform several culinary challenges.

Luk, a sous-chef at Courtyard Restaurant on George Street, was a big fan of the American series and wanted to try his luck with the Canadian flavour of the show. "It's always been a bit of an ambition of mine to get on and see what I can do because the challenges seemed interesting," he said.

Korecki, head chef at Sidedoor Contemporary Kitchen and Bar on York Street, just wanted to see how he would stand up against the other competitors.

The free-for-all competition means the pair often battle against each other, but at times, it worked in their favour.

"Even though we're competing against each other, we're also watching each other's back," said Luk.

Korecki said the show will be broadcast on Mondays and that viewers can expect "a lot of high octane cooking."

"It's awesome as Canadians to be able to see chefs from our country and see how hard they work," said Korecki.

Top Chef Canada contestants Curtis Luk, left, and Jonathan Korecki. TOP CHEF CANADA/INSIGHT PRODUCTIONS

Students mark engineering week Wylie-Coyote style

Notre Dame Catholic High School student Angela Du, 15, moves her finger to topple a set of dominos Tuesday to activate a Rube Goldberg machine built by Carleton University students. JOE LOFARO/METRO

In theory a chain reaction of dominoes, a toy truck and a host of other improbable objects could be used to light up Canada's tallest free-standing structure ... if everything were to go according to plan.

Ottawa high school students helped design a Rube Goldberg machine at Carleton University as part of an engineering experiment that will illuminate the CN Tower with purple lights Wednesday.

In theory, 11 of the machines that were recently built at post-secondary schools that belong to the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO) could start a chain reaction when a telephone connected to the first machine activates a telephone at the subsequent machine.

The Rube Goldberg machine in Toronto will be the one that will actually initiate a switch in the CN Tower to light it purple.

A video of the operation of each machine will be edited together to showcase what it would look like if the chain reaction were to happen flawlessly.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Week at Carleton U

- **March 7:** Rube Goldberg machine on display
- **March 8:** Design competition (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
- **March 10:** Engineering faculty open house

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Romney cruises in New England

GOP. Rivals slug it out in 10-state race that will help decide the Republican party's presidential candidate

Mitt Romney has taken three states while his closest rival, Rick Santorum, has snagged two on so-called Super Tuesday, the biggest single day in the Republican presidential race and one the front-runner was hoping could finally give his campaign an impenetrable shield of momentum.

Romney crushed the competition in Massachusetts, where he served as governor for four years, and also handily won Virginia and Vermont. Santorum, meantime, won Tennessee and Oklahoma, where his stances on hot-button issues play well with both states' Christian evangelical voters.

Romney was looking to clear a significant hurdle on Super Tuesday in his dash to secure the presidential nomination while Santorum hoped some electoral successes would revive his flagging campaign and keep him nipping at the front-runner's heels.

But neither Santorum nor Newt Gingrich, who handily took his home state of Georgia, were on the ballot in Virginia, limiting opportunities for both men to gain ground on Romney, who took 58 per cent of the vote according to early, unofficial results. Ron Paul won 43 per cent.

The former speaker of the House of Representatives, however, wasn't expected to win the other nine states. Nonetheless, Gingrich suggested the Georgia win portended future victories.

"This is amazing," he said as he launched into a victory speech, chastising "the elite" of the media, the punditry and the Republican party who have repeatedly written off his campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A father votes during Super Tuesday as his son looks on.
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PETA take neuter drive to the next level

PETA campaigners dressed up as giant condoms encourage Haligonians along Spring Garden Road to spay or neuter their pets on Tuesday afternoon. PETA members from Ottawa are touring cities in Atlantic Canada to spread their message.
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Trial. Tori Stafford's last day revealed to jury

On the last day of Victoria Stafford's life, the "lovely little girl" used a computer to research plants, got her tights wet by jumping in puddles, and had a time-out for goofing around, her teacher testified Tuesday.

The Grade 3 student also asked for permission to run back to her classroom at the end of the day to retrieve a pair of earrings she had forgotten, Jennifer Griffin Murrell told court.

Tori went to get them and left about one minute after the bell, behind her classmates.

Because the girl wasn't wearing the butterfly earrings, Griffin Murrell asked her if she had found them, and Tori said she had.

"I said, OK, hun, we'll see you tomorrow," Griffin Murrell told court.

She never saw Tori again.

The eight-year-old vanished shortly after leaving school that day — April 8, 2009.

Three months later, her partially clothed remains were found in garbage bags and under rocks in a field more than 100 kilometres from her Woodstock, Ont. home.

The Crown alleges Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic, who has already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, snatched Tori outside her school and, within hours, sexually assaulted and killed her. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anonymous

Hacker group breached MP's political privilege

House of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer has ruled Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' parliamentary privileges were breached by videos posted online by the group Anonymous, clearing the way for the hackers to be hauled before MPs.

"These videos contained various allegations about the minister's private life, and made specific and disturbing threats," Scheer said.

The video shows has a computer-generated voice demands Toews' quit and calls for the online-surveillance bill to be scrapped. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sex. Suburban mom or madam — she's jailed on a $2-million bond

Is Anna Gristina a mom — or a madam?

Prosecutors say she's an arrogant, multimillion-dollar head of a prostitution ring.

They say she has boasted of ties to law enforcement and has stashed cash to flee if authorities close in on her.

But Gristina's advocates portrayed her Tuesday as a dedicated suburban mom, animal rescuer and former real estate broker who was working on building an online dating service.

The reality is Gristina is jailed on a seven-figure bail on a single charge of promoting prostitution.

Millionaire?

- Prosecutors say Gristina was heard to claim during a five-year investigation that she'd made millions of dollars over about 15 years of arranging trysts.

"A caring mother of four has been slapped with a $2 million bond" one of her lawyers, Peter Gleason, said after a New York judge refused Tuesday to lower the bail.

Gristina, a bespectacled 44-year-old Scottish immigrant, has pleaded not guilty.

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California

Cannon blast kills woman

A 33-year-old woman died Tuesday after a home-made cannon blew a projectile into a mobile home in a remote California community.

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Moldova

Pedophiles face chemical penalty

Foreigners convicted of sexually abusing children in Moldova will be chemically castrated, according to new legislation approved Tuesday.

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Historic Metro contest will send reader to space

The SXC Lynx spaceship carries two people — the pilot-astronaut and a passenger. ALEX STOKES/FOR METRO

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Extraordinary heroism and loss in tornado

Indiana. Woman saves children, loses legs as tornado destroys home

A woman who saved her two children by binding them together with a blanket and shielding them with her body as a tornado ripped apart their house lost parts of both her legs, which were crushed by the falling debris, her husband says.

Stephanie Decker, a 36-year-old sleep specialist, lost one leg above the knee and the other above the ankle, her husband said Monday. She was in serious but stable condition at a Kentucky hospital. The couple's eight-year-old son and five-year-old daughter survived Friday's storm unscathed.

"I told her, 'They're here because of you,'" Joe Decker said by telephone from the University of Louisville Hospital. "I let her know that nothing else matters. I said, 'You're going to be here for your kids, and you get to see them grow up.'"

Joe, 42, was at Silver Creek High School in Sellersburg, Ind., where he teaches algebra, when the tornado hit.

With storms expected, the school had been locked down, and he was debating whether to try to race home. He exchanged a series of texts with his wife, urging her to get herself and their children into the basement of their sprawling, three-storey brick-and-stone home in Marysville, Ind.

He said his wife told him later that she was in their walk-out basement, which had French doors leading outside and a wall of windows, when she saw the tornado approaching, moving across the family's six-hectare plot. Stephanie had already tied a blanket around both children and to herself, and she threw herself on top of the children.

"She said she felt the whole house start to go, and then she felt like it moved them about before it kind of wedged her in there, but she was able to keep the kids from moving away," Joe said.

When the tornado passed, their son Dominic Decker ran across the street to seek help from neighbours.

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Survival

"The house is gone. It's pretty amazing that she's alive."

Holly Hinson
Hospital spokesperson

Stephanie and Joe Decker
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Ponzi scheme. RBC settlement to reimburse half of victims' losses

Scores of people defrauded in a high-profile Quebec pyramid scheme will be reimbursed for roughly half of what they lost, thanks to an out-of-court settlement announced Tuesday.

Victims of financial fraudster Earl Jones reached the $17-million settlement in their class-action lawsuit with the Royal Bank of Canada, the bank said.

The sum represents just under half the amount of $40 million that victims had been seeking in their lawsuit.

"(This) is the result of many months of discussion between RBC and the class-plaintiffs and seeks to address some of the financial difficulties the class-plaintiffs faced as a result of entrusting Mr. Jones with their financial affairs," a statement said.

The bank added that the proposed settlement amount will not be final until the court-approval process is completed and is not material to RBC earnings.

Jones ran a Ponzi scheme in which many of his former clients were friends or family and people he met through word-of-mouth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sweet treats go high-tech

A new 24-hour cupcake "ATM," an automatic machine that will be continuously restocked to dispense fresh cupcakes, is tested at Sprinkles Cupcakes in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday. The machine features a touchscreen and a robotic arm that pulls the right flavoured cupcake from a wall of single-serving boxes inside the store. The bakery is launching the first high-tech vending machine Tuesday, with three more in the works for New York City by the summer. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Debt deal

Greek banks agree to bond-swap deal

Greece's government on Tuesday said the country's six major banks have agreed to participate in a bond-swap deal, a move likely to relieve financial authorities as a deadline looms. The deal aims at cutting more than $139 billion off the country's debt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers' win

Singapore maids to get day off

Maids in Singapore will soon get something that many people around the world take for granted: a day off. Starting next year, maids must receive one day off a week or compensation to work that day, Manpower Minister Tan Chuan-Jin told Parliament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pipeline proposal

New Keystone route in works

A new route for the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline through Nebraska should be ready within weeks with "relatively modest" changes, TransCanada executive Alex Pourbaix told an energy conference in Houston on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Financial fraud

Tycoon convicted in Ponzi scheme

Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford, whose financial empire once spanned the Americas, was convicted Tuesday on all but one of the 14 counts he faced for allegedly bilking investors out of more than $7 billion in massive Ponzi scheme he operated for 20 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fading French village goes up for auction

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If you've ever dreamed of having your own private French village, here's your chance: Courbefy is on sale, starting at $440,000.

And, yes, in case you were wondering, Courbefy comes with more than a dozen buildings, its own horse stable, tennis court, swimming pool and 12th-century chapel. It even has three "miraculous springs," which supposedly contains waters with healing powers.

After the property was put up for auction and no one bid the $400,000 asking price, the village went back into the hands of bank Credit Agricole.

Why is this little piece of rural paradise about 450 kilometres from Paris on sale?

The mayor of neighbouring Saint Nicholas Courbefy told The Associate Press that the village, which goes back at least to the Gallo-Roman times, was abandoned in 2008 or 2009. It was used as a luxury hotel and restaurant before the owners gave up on it and stopped paying the mortgage. Local residents told the Telegraph that the area was occupied by "thieves, drunks and squatters."

But, in its heyday, Courbefy was the site of the chateau of mother of King Henry IV's mother, Jeanne d'Albret.

Now, people as far away as Qatar are expressing interest in the property. The bank is asking for a deposit of 10 percent higher than the asking price from potential buyers to be considered. A new auction date will be set in the future.

The people who live in the neighbouring area are excited about the prospect of a new owner for Courbefy. They hope that whoever buys the property will let the village experience its glory days once again, similar to the rebirth other privately owned villages and islands have experienced in the hands of new owners.

"Some people call it social engineering," John Rous, whose family owns a British village, told The Guardian. "I prefer to think of it as keeping the village alive."

YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO GET STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

JUST SAYIN'
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The next time you feel the urge to buy a lottery ticket, blame Louise White.

She's the little 81-year-old lady from Rhode Island who won $336.4 million after she bought the winning ticket at a Stop & Shop.

And now she has all her money in what she calls the Rainbow Sherbet Trust in honour of the sherbet she bought along with the ticket.

Louise White STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At first, she couldn't believe her good fortune, at one point turning off her computer and turning it back on again. The numbers were still the same. She kept the winning ticket in her Bible until it was time to claim her prize.

Ain't that cute?

I hate Louise White.

Just when I've finally made a rational decision to stop throwing perfectly good money down the toilet, never to be spent again, someone like Louise White pops up. Even though there's a one-in-175,223,510 chance of winning the Powerball, Louise won it anyway. I mean there's as much chance of Louise winning the Powerball lottery as there is of that rainbow sherbet winning the Powerball lottery.

So, starting today, it's back to throwing good money down the toilet. If you don't play, it don't pay — or something.

My wife, who never fails to buy a lottery ticket for the 6-49 or Lotto Max, spends the rest of the week figuring out how she's going to spend the money. IMHO, she always gives too much of it away. Right off the bat, half goes to "Africa," while the rest goes to pay the debts of everyone in her extended family, leaving insufficient funds to keep me in the lifestyle to which I could easily become accustomed.

Just imagine?

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It never occurs to me, until halfway into the argument, that it's not going to happen anyway and I'm getting all red in the face for nothing, when there are lots of more important things I could get red in the face about.

Still, consider LeRoy and Deborah, Louise's son and daughter-in-law. LeRoy and Deborah didn't even have to fork over two bucks to buy the ticket, and now they're the beneficiaries of Louise's good fortune. I wonder if they ever had the argument. My wife is aware of my vulnerable position. "No money for you," she warns.

Fair warning: The odds of winning the Lotto Max are much better than winning the Powerball. Only one in 85,900,584. More than twice as likely. Of course, the odds of being struck by lightning are only 2.3 million to one. The odds of being hit by an ice-cream delivery truck full of rainbow sherbet are only one in 625.

Which reminds me to look both ways before I cross the street. On my way to the lottery kiosk.

Usain, is this how you do it?

GETTY IMAGES

World's fastest

Strike a pose

KINGSTON, JAMAICA. It's practice makes perfect for Prince Harry as the third-in-line to the British throne tries to copy the signature victory pose of sprint star Usain Bolt at the University of the West Indies track.

Harry, 27, is touring the Caribbean as part of the Diamond Jubilee. **MWN**

A race to the finish

Prince Harry wins

RACE. The prince got off to a false start and was about 50 metres down the track as Bolt lifted his arms in mock disbelief.

Harry kept on running to cross the finish line. "He cheated," Bolt said. "I said we would have a rematch in London 2012 and Harry said, 'I'm busy.'" **MWN**

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What do you most want to see come out of the "robocalls" investigation?

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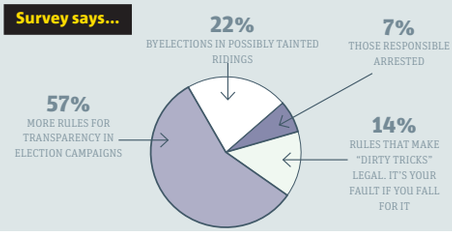

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@jamiecalder: Winter's over folks. Ottawa weather for the next two weeks: theweathernetwork.com/fourteenday/ca...

@lordelginhotel: Tomorrow will be 8 degrees! Is anyone else jumping around with excitement? #spring #ottawa -GOLF soon?

@JohnnyNovak: I'm pumped for #Spring in #Ottawa which lasts about 2 week in April. Then it's followed by 30 degree weather until early October.

@rosiexwaugh: A high of 12°C tomorrow!!?! Spring is finally here. #ottawa #weather

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Trending

Get ready for iPad 3

Apple is set to unveil its iPad 3 at an invite-only event today. Metro has teamed up with Mike Yawney, the technology specialist with Citytv, to bring you the latest from the event. Visit metronews.ca/apple to follow Yawney as he tweets live from the announcement.

On the Web

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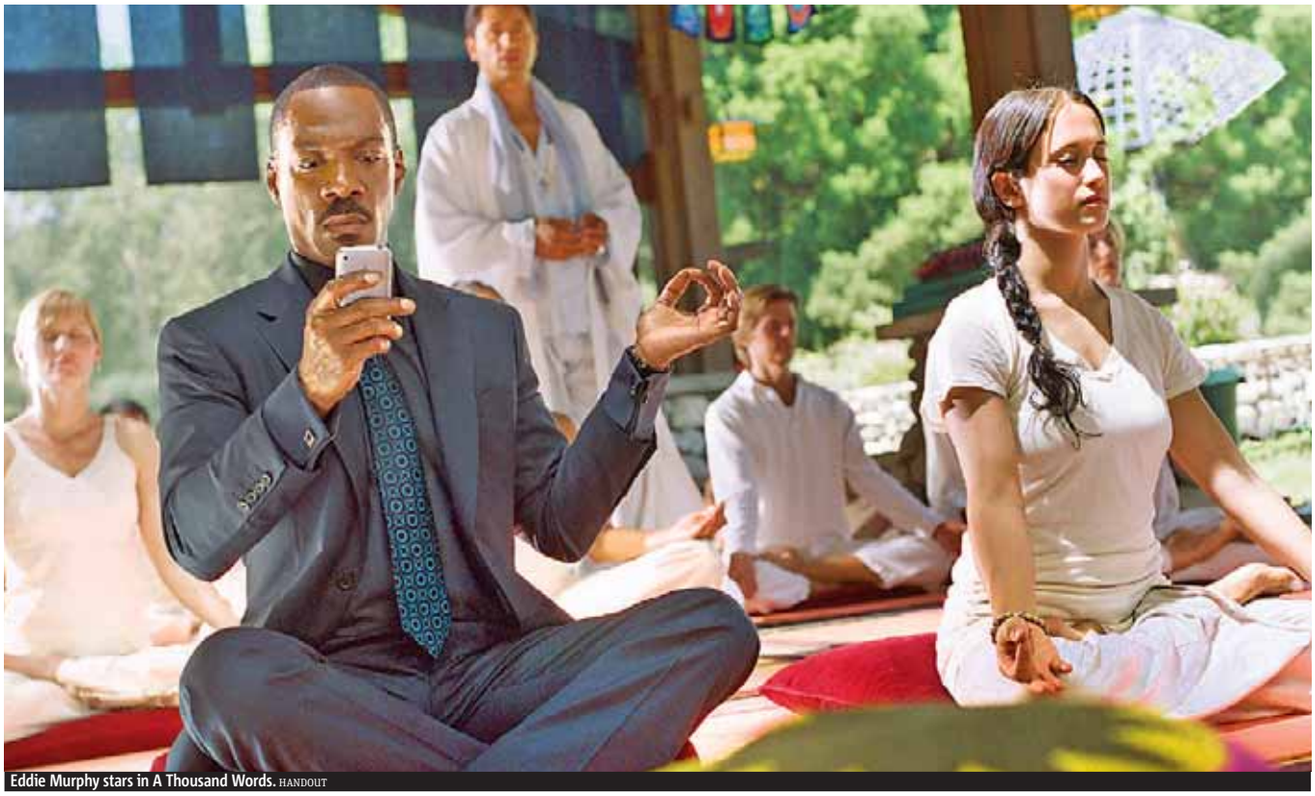

Eddie Murphy stars in A Thousand Words. HANDOUT

Going gaga for gurus

Spiritual humour. Comedy mixed with spirituality can work if done well — or prove toxic for both audiences and critics

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What do spiritual gurus and comedy have in common? More than you might think.

Deepak Chopra, possibly the world's most famous guru, says, "When your soul responds to the paradox of our existence, to the contradictions of our existence, to the fact that wherever there is joy there is suffering, when your soul recognizes this, it can do nothing except laugh."

In other words, chuckle — it's good for your soul.

These are words to live by, particularly if you are Eddie Murphy in A Thousand Words, opening this weekend. In this comedy, Murphy plays a shady literary agent who cheats a spiritual guru in a business deal. His punishment teaches him the value of every word that comes out of his mouth.

A Thousand Words isn't the first comedy to go gaga for gurus.

In the 1968 counter-culture hit I Love You, Alice B. Toklas!, Peter Sellers plays a 30-something who visits a maharishi for enlightenment. "You will know yourself when you stop trying," he is told. "I'm trying to stop trying," Sellers replies.

A year later came The Guru, a movie that echoed the real-life musical journey of Beatle George Harrison's internship with Ravi Shankar. Michael York starred as a famous British rock 'n' roller who travels from London to Bombay to study sitar at the feet of guru Ustad Zafar Khan.

Director James Ivory (who along with producer Ismail Merchant would go on to make Howard's End and The Remains of the Day) called The Guru "the most unseen and mysterious of our movies … Merchant Ivory's version of a '60s trip."

Sharing a title is the 2002 Jimi Mistry film about a young Indian man who moves to New York with dreams of becoming an actor but instead becomes a sex guru who doles out catchphrases such as, "the most powerful sexual organ is your brain."

In The Love Guru, Mike Myers mixed gross-out humour with spiritualism, a combo that proved toxic for both audiences and critics.

Even Mike's own guru agreed it flopped. "Humour mixed with spirituality can work, if it's done well," Deepak Chopra, who has a cameo in the film, said. "But frankly speaking, this was not a good attempt."

So what exactly do gurus and comedy have in common?

Myers says he learned from Chopra that "ha ha" is related to "ah ha," the sound one makes upon the realization of truth." Maybe it's that simple.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Posh Spice isn't always posh, or so she says

Victoria Beckham

Perennial fashionista Victoria Beckham admits that she's not above slipping into a tracksuit and a pair of UGGs on occasion — but never in public.

"You'll never see me on the street in a tracksuit. I just love fashion too much to wear a tracksuit. The same goes for UGG boots. I only wear them at home," she tells Madame Figaro magazine. **METRO**

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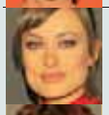
@ActuallyNPH
That Kirk Cameron is hilarious!



@oliviawilde
Pretty cool to be shooting on the same stage as The Big Sleep. And Space Jam

@diablocody
Just listened to "Come Undone" by Duran Duran in the car. Sexiest thing I had ever heard in junior high.

@SethMacFarlane
I hear babies cry. I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ever know. And I think to myself: who brought babies to this bar?

Kirk Cameron's former Growing Pains co-stars won't show him that smile

Kirk Cameron

Born-again Christian and former Growing Pains star Kirk Cameron recently told CNN's Piers Morgan that being gay is "unnatural," "detrimental" and "ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization," and his remarks have earned him a considerable amount of blowback.

Among those criticizing Cameron? His former sitcom co-stars. Tracy Gold posted to Twitter, "I am a strong supporter of the LGBT Community, and I believe in equal rights for all," while Alan Thicke, who played Cameron and Gold's father on Growing Pains, posted, "I'm getting him some new books. The Old Testament simply can't be expected to explain everything." **METRO**

Reality star off the rails

Tila Tequila: Was it an aneurysm, overdose or suicide attempt?

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Was Tila Tequila's recent hospitalization due to a brain aneurysm, a drug overdose or a suicide attempt? Whatever the reason, the former reality star is all kinds of WTF.

Radar Online is saying that a brain aneurysm made her "think irrationally" and ingest "two bottles of unspecified heavy prescription drugs."

"Tila threw up all over her bed after overdosing and felt like she was dying. She was screaming for help, and in desperation, broke her bedroom window and attempted to jump out," a source says.

"Finally, a friend came over after getting a strange text from her and found her convulsing on the bed. He called an ambulance and she was taken to the hospital."

Reports say Tequila was treated at two different hospitals over a week's span, but she's not out of the woods yet.

"She still can't fully speak properly," the source says. "It's sad to think she may have some permanent brain damage." But TMZ.com says all the drama was caused by a suicide attempt and that she'd been trying "kill herself all week."

We've said it once, we'll say it a million times: Mamas, don't let your daughters grow up to be reality TV stars.

Tila Tequila ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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Flower power

If you are looking for palm trees and white sand to escape the remnants of winter, look no farther than Philadelphia. Visitors to the city's International Flower Show can wander through a tropical paradise of sorts thanks to this year's theme, Hawaii: Islands of Aloha. a tribute to Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire.
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On the Web

Florida Keys offer rare motorcycle ride into the sun, over the sea

Palm Springs has a casual vibe not found in Hollywood. GOINGSLO/ FLICKR

The stars are brighter near the Mojave Desert

Palm Springs. The Travellin' Canadian checks out a Hollywood mecca

THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN
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There's more to Palm Springs than dusty desert and palm trees. In fact, this sunny vacation paradise has become a mecca for the rich and famous.

Not only did the city's late great celeb mayor Sunny Bono recreate Hollywood, with the California city's own walk of fame, he ushered in one of the most impressive film festivals in North America, right there in the middle of the Mojave.

It was a thrill for me to actually get a chance to hit the red carpet and hobnob with some of the biggest stars on the planet at a recent desert festival. The likes of none other than Leonardo DiCaprio and Clint Eastwood told me that even they were impressed with this desert oasis and what it's become. Palm Springs just has that laid back casual vibe, so it's not uncommon to see A-list celebs strolling on nearby Palm Canyon Drive, or having a drink at the very cool mid-century modern Parker Hotel, where the famous stay and play. Of course, stars have been linked to Palm Springs for many decades, and traces of that early Hollywood history still remain. Just off Palm Canyon drive, you can stroll by an unassuming house with a giant 'L' statue in the driveway. This happened to be the home of — you guessed it — flamboyant performer Liberace, who spent many happy years in the desert.

Nearby sits many other celeb getaways from a bygone era, including the homes of Kirk Douglas, Dean Martin and Marilyn Monroe.

If you go...

- **Hit the hot tub at Palm Mountain Resort and Spa.** The perfect spot to unwind in the radiance of the desert sun, just steps from Palm Canyon Drive downtown.
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Rockwell exhibit brings Americana to Winnipeg

Art. Iconic illustrations that romanticized American life make their debut in Canada at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

The man whose very name evokes an idealized and nostalgic picture of all things American is making his first — and only — major foray north of the border.

But anyone living outside of Winnipeg will have to travel to see Norman Rockwell's unique view of American life in person. All of his iconic illustrations — which appeared primarily on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post magazine for almost 50 years — and many of his most seminal paintings are on tour and making their one and only Canadian stop at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

The exhibit, which runs until May 20, is expected to draw not only visitors from across Canada but also many from the northern United States.

"Rockwell — beyond capturing American life ideas, issues and politics — was able to encapsulate much of the 20th century, which is often called, in the world of art, America's century," said Stephen Borys, executive director of the gallery.

"To have one artist following the development of a nation, of a people, from the first decade of the 20th century to the eighth decade is extraordinary."

Many of Rockwell's pieces have become legendary for their Leave It To Beaver reflection of small-town America. Rockwell's work often shunned social conflict, presenting romanticized and humorous depictions of family life.

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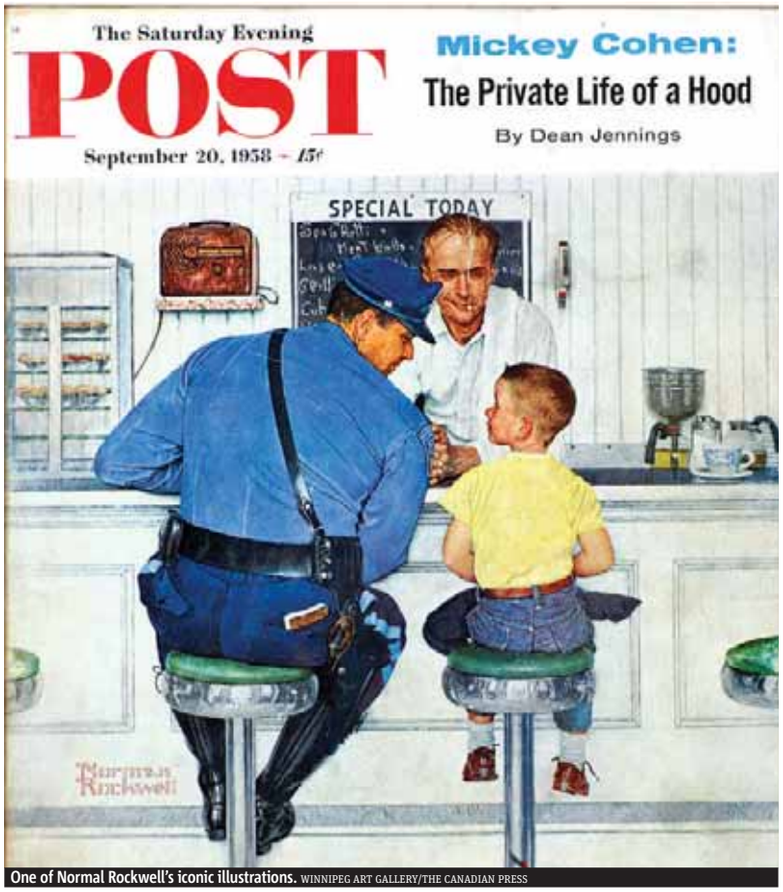
If you go...

- **The exhibit.** American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell runs to May 20th at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Tours held on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., closed Mondays.
- **Special events.** There are a number of special events, workshops and talks associated with the exhibit including a visit by Norman Rockwell's son Peter, who will talk about his father's work on April 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Another talk March 11 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. will examine Rockwell's vision of America while Rockwell's role in advertising and consumer culture will be discussed April 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.



One of Normal Rockwell's iconic illustrations. WINNIPEG ART GALLERY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Walmart heiress draws art fans to the heartland of America

Crystal Bridges. New museum in Arkansas houses some of the most important pieces in the history of the United States

Crystal Bridges is regarded as the most important museum to open in the U.S. in decades, and it has done so in a city of 35,000 in the Ozark Mountains that's served by a single interstate highway that terminates in the middle of town, not far from the headquarters of Walmart Stores Inc.

More than 175,000 people have made their way to the museum in the less than four months since it opened Nov. 11.

The museum serves a busy corridor of four cities in northwest Arkansas that has nearly 500,000 people, and it's just a few minutes away from the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport. Hotels are plentiful in the area and an upscale 21c Museum Hotel is under construction within walking distance of the museum. So far, zip code surveys of visitors show that the majority of guests — more than 80 per cent — have come from Arkansas, according to statistics provided by the museum.

The Crystal Bridges collection was amassed by Walmart heiress Alice Walton, who used her fortune to stock the galleries with paintings and sculptures that reflect the nation's artistic development and its history, from colonial times to the present. By virtue of a $20-million grant from Walmart, admission is free, as are audio tours of the collection. Some special exhibitions, none of which have yet been announced, may carry a fee.

The regular collection starts with early American paintings and moves forward chronologically. The first view offers a look at a Charles Willson Peale portrait of George Washington, the general in uniform, posed with his hand on a cannon. But in closer view is a landscape by John Taylor and a painting in classical style, Cupid and Psyche, by Benjamin West.

Farther down is the museum's centrepiece, Asher Durand's Kindred Spirits, bought by Walton in 2005 for a reported $35 million, removing the ethereal scene in the Catskill Mountains from its longtime home in the New York Public Library.

That purchase and a number of others drew howls from critics who didn't want to see beloved pieces moved to an unlikely spot in the nation's heartland. But many of the works, purchased by Walton from private collections, have never been on public display before. Organizers noted during previews that the museum's collection is just getting started. Forbes magazine lists Walton as the 10th wealthiest American with $20.9 billion to her name.

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If you go...

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

- **Address.** 600 Museum Way, Bentonville, Ark.
- **Contact.** crystalbridges.org; 479-418-5700.
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Visitors take in a sculpture at the museum. CHUCK BARTELS /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From left: Some of the buildings that make up the Crystal Bridges Museum; American artist Asher Brown Durand's painting Kindred Spirits; Andy Warhol's Dolly Parton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Unlikely flavours, textures mingle in Tomato and Sweet Potato soup

Marcona almonds are entirely different than the more common California almond.

A higher fat content explains the textural difference — tender-crunchy and moist.

As for flavour, think savoury and steak-like.

It doesn't hurt they're typically processed by being fried in olive oil, then sprinkled with salt.

1 In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion, garlic and sweet potato. Sauté for about 10 minutes or until sweet potato starts to brown.

2 Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and chicken broth. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes or until potato is very tender.

3 Working in batches if needed, transfer soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return soup to pan, stir in vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) peeled, diced sweet potato (1 large)
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (426 ml/15 oz) tomato sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- Salt and ground black pe per, to taste
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped marcona almonds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh rosemary

4 In a small bowl, mix together almonds and rosemary. Ladle soup into serving bowls, then sprinkle almond mixture over each serving.

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Tomato and Sweet Potato Soup with Rosemary Marcona Almonds

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Key Lime Smoothie

Treat yourself to a taste of the tropics with this filling breakfast smoothie.

Featuring heart-healthy walnuts and chock-full of omega-3s and fibre-rich avocado, this breakfast replacement will give you the fuel you need to kick-start your day.

1 In a blender or using a hand blender, combine all ingredients and process until smooth, about 1 minute.

- 1/2 avocado
- 1/2 small banana
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) cold water
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnuts, chopped into halves or crumbs
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) low-fat coconut milk
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Juice of 1 fresh lime

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Think outside the box when it comes to handing out your resumés. Your degree may offer more opportunities than you think. ISTOCK

The summer job search starts now

The heat is on. Many companies have already started their summer hiring; take down these tips and get yourself out there

LAUREN FRIESE
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Job search outside the lines
Most students have a very narrow view of what job opportunities are available to them based on their degree, but you can potentially put your education to use in almost any industry.

For example, as a finance student, don't only apply to banks. Check out or create finance-related jobs in other industries or types of businesses that may also need people in finance, which is every industry and business!

Start building your online presence
Develop a simple online portfolio or blog to showcase your work and include the URL on your resumés.

Don't have much work experience? Post relevant school projects, write blog posts about your industry to show how passionate you are, and display recommendations from former bosses, professors, co-workers and classmates.

Actively approach employers online
More and more employers are using online tools to market jobs and interact with potential candidates, so use them to your advantage!

Find and target the companies and people you want to work for on Twitter, LinkedIn, etc., and make an effort to interact with them.

Customize your job applications
One of the biggest and most common mistakes students make is submitting the same resumé to every job. Don't do this!

Instead, create a custom resumé for each role you apply for to show your will to work for that specific organization. Yes, it's a lot more work, but it will pay off when employers see that you're willing to go the extra mile.

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Wonderful web

Take advantage of the free resources available to you

- **The online edge.** You will never have more free resources at your disposal than you do right now as a student, including your parents, professors and instructors, campus career centre, and online resources like TalentEgg.ca!

Twitter

@TalentEgg: What was your first summer job? What did you learn?

@HumairaRiaz
It was as a trainer aide. I picked up skills like marketing and human resource management and it was a lot of fun.

@EvanBirtch
I worked in catering 4 my Summer job, taught me about listening 2 what the customer really wanted;turned into a highschool career

@aanchal_
first summer job: AMC Theatres Film Crew Member. Learned that a smile and + outlook always impresses the boss!

@TalentEgg: Do you have any summer job search tips for other TalentEgg-ers?

@justinabraham
Start early and don't get easily discouraged! If you send out 10 resumes and get 2 responses, you are doing great!

@CoutureCreative
Best tip: persistence. That, and using networking and industry contacts to your advantage. Not all jobs are posted to the public.

@SaranRavindran
Keep track of applications, make a copy of job descriptions and cover letter used to apply. Simple tip, but many forget.

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Money Matters

Summer savings for students

• In 2009, students earned an average of $12.85 per hour at their summer jobs.

• The same year students reported earning an average of $6,670 at their summer jobs.

• On average, students worked 24 hours per week at their summer jobs in 2011.

STATISTICS CANADA

• Students save an average of $1,500 from their summer jobs for the academic year.

THE CANADIAN STUDENT SURVEY

• Last year, 69 per cent of college and university students reported being able to find a summer job by May.

• Last year, 53 per cent of students in the Prairies reported having a full-time summer job compared with only 30 per cent in Ontario.

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Mastering the two-job juggle

Double trouble?
Picking up two or more positions this coming summer may mean more work, but it doesn't have to mean more stress.

ALANNA GLASS
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Last summer, I took on the responsibility of balancing two part-time jobs. My first job was an unpaid internship for academic credit for three days a week, and my second was as a server at a local restaurant. The internship was part of my program at school, and I used my part-time job to help fund my education, so it was tough to prioritize one over the other. But I survived the summer and I guarantee it can be done!

Be honest about your situation with your employer
Let your bosses know that you're working two jobs and ask if they can accommodate you, particularly if one of them is an unpaid internship.

I was lucky that both of my employers modified my schedules with them so I could do both jobs.

By being open and honest with them from the start, I was able to maintain a manageable schedule that let me balance both opportunities.

You may be busy, but stop and smell the flowers. Try to appreciate each moment you have at your places of employment. ISTOCK

Make the most of your experience
Get regular feedback from both of your employers on your performance and progress because that positive validation will keep you motivated to continue.

Ask to take on projects that interest you and see if you can be booked for more hours. Multitasking and juggling more than one job or responsibility at a time is a lifelong skill, so make the most of this opportunity and have fun!

Communication is key

> "By being open and honest with them from the start, I was able to maintain a manageable schedule that let me balance both opportunities."
> Alanna Glass
> Student at Western University

Stay social
Not only did I leave both summer jobs with incredible experience, but I also had new contacts in my industry of interest and new friends.

Hang out during breaks at work and after your shift is over. The people that you work with understand how important it is to be dedicated to your job, and that's a great starting point of common ground for you to build a friendship on.

Get outside!

Outdoor summer job options for students

After eight months of libraries, labs and lectures, you might be itching to spend the summer in the sun. Here's a list of some popular outdoor summer job options. Apply for them early!

- **Tree planting.** Tree planting is a popular rite of passage for many students and it usually pays well too!
- **Landscaping.** There is lots of work to be done in the summer tending gardens and lawns.
- **Marinas and Boats.** Docking boats, sailing, canoeing or kayaking instruction, cruise ships or white water rafting.
- **Amusement Parks and Fairs.** Water parks, theme parks and local fairs require summer staff to operate rides, sell tickets, hand out cotton candy, run games and more.
- **Tourist Sites.** Summer is usually the busy season for many tourist destinations, such as towers, historic sites and local museums.

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Workplace Law

When will disability justify a dismissal in court?

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Seldom will a temporary illness justify dismissal. But what happens when a sick employee may never return to work?

Can employers discard employees they view as festering on their disability insurance or must they keep their jobs available for an indefinite period of time? According to a recent Ontario case, employers may have more latitude than you think.

When Linda Fraser fell ill she did not think that she would never work again.

Fraser, a long term employee of UBS Global Asset Management, was forced onto UBS' disability plan for depression and anxiety. Her departure was for good.

Fraser applied for and was granted long term disability benefits from UBS' insurance provider in 2007.

According to the terms of the insurance plan, Fraser received disability payments for up to two years since she was unable to perform her given job.

However, after two years, Fraser no longer met the requirements for continued disability payments and the insurance company terminated her coverage.

Fraser did not tell UBS that her insurance coverage terminated and she did not return to work. Therefore, UBS fired her, claiming that her employment was "frustrated" by virtue of her illness.

The legal principle of frustration of contract means that what you have initially bargained for no longer exists.

In workplace law, the issue often arises when employees are absent for an indefinite period of time, without any reasonable likelihood of returning.

If an employment contract is frustrated, then the employer has the right to walk away from the employee, without paying any severance.

Unlike other cases where it is unclear whether or not the employee would ever return to work, in this case, Fraser admitted that her disability was permanent and that she would never work again.

As a result, a judge recently sided with her employer, and dismissed her case.

In the vast majority of cases, frustration of contract will be nearly impossible to prove.

However, the findings of this case appear to turn that notion on its head.

If an employee's prospects for recovering from an illness are dim, companies may be able to rely on this principle and avoid paying damages to an employee it ultimately fired.

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4 SPORTS

Crosby cleared for contact but remains cautious as ever

NHL. 'It's nice to be symptom free, but it's not as fulfilling until you get out there,' says Penguins superstar

Sidney Crosby's head is clear. The superstar's return, however, remains murky.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain participated in his first full practice since concussion-like symptoms resurfaced in December and there is growing optimism he'll be back before the playoffs begin next month.

Crosby insists there is no timetable on when he'll be cleared to play in a game, but he looked crisp while spending more than an hour on the Consol Energy Center ice.

"It's a good step," Crosby said Tuesday. "Hopefully, I can keep the momentum and get out there soon."

Though the headaches and motion issues that have bothered him intermittently since a loss to Boston on Dec. 5 have subsided, Crosby has been through this drill too often to get too excited.

The 24-year-old former MVP was spectacular in his return from a 10-month layoff in November, scoring twice in his season debut against the New York Islanders and collecting 12 points in eight games before he woke up with an all-too familiar feeling on Dec. 6.

During the initial comeback he was cleared for contact in early October and had to wait about six weeks before getting the OK to suit up for a game.

It may not take that long this time.

"I'm going to give myself days, for sure, of contact," Crosby said. "If you look at our schedule, we have two more practices, I think, this week. No sooner than Sunday I would say but I'm not going to sit here and put a date on it. It would be total guesswork."

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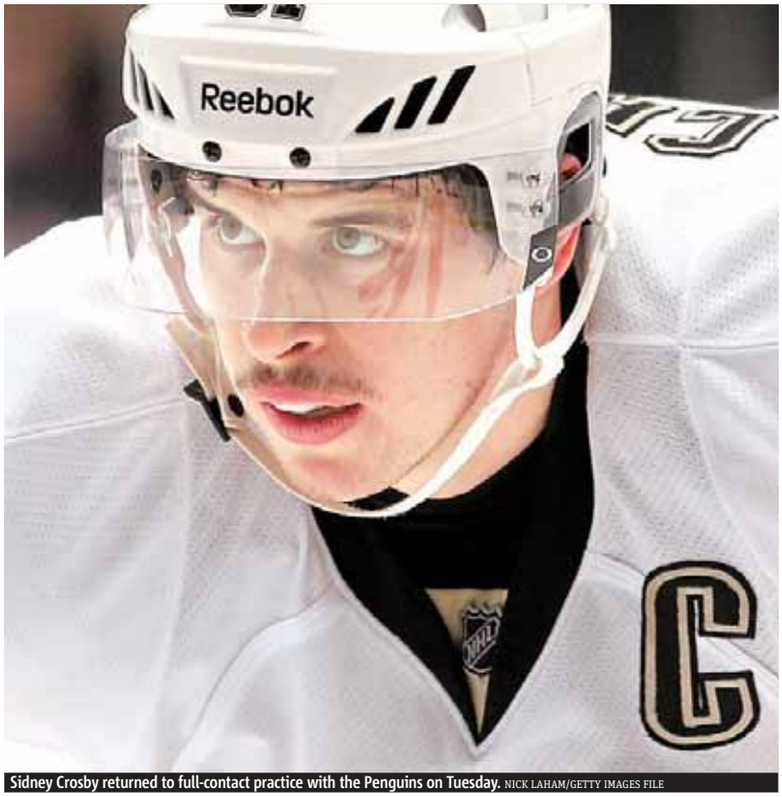
Coach's comments

"It was man-on-man type stuff, some puck battles.... We had him get through today, we'll see where we progress on day three, four, five and six."

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma on Sidney Crosby.



Sidney Crosby returned to full-contact practice with the Penguins on Tuesday. NICK LAHAM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Colts, Manning break up imminent: Report

Peyton Manning and the Colts will part ways on Wednesday according to an ESPN report. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Peyton Manning era in Indianapolis is expected to end Wednesday, according to a report.

Citing anonymous sources, ESPN reported Tuesday that the Colts plan to hold a news conference to announce the long-expected decision. Manning is expected to attend.

Team owner Jim Irsay and Manning's agent, Tom Condon, did not immediately respond to messages left by The Associated Press. Team spokesman Avis Roper said he could not confirm the decision or the news conference because Irsay was out of town and unreachable.

Manning turns 36 later this month, and missed the entire 2011 season after a third neck surgery. Before that, he'd never missed a game in his 13 NFL seasons.

He is owed a $28 million roster bonus on Thursday, and with the Colts holding the top draft pick, they apparently have decided it was too risky and pricey to keep the four-time league MVP.

Manning is the Colts' career leader in every major passing category, one of only four players in NFL history to throw for more than 50,000 yards and is third all-time in touchdown passes (399). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Injury timeline

- **During the 2009 off-season, after a Super Bowl loss,** Manning had his first neck surgery.
- **Then, after an early playoff exit in 2010,** he had another neck surgery to repair a nerve causing weakness in his arm.
- **Last July, Irsay signed Manning** to a new five-year, $90 million extension. But the nerve did not heal as quickly as expected and Manning had two vertebrae fused together forcing him to miss the season.

Curling

"It's not fun in that one of us has to lose. We really need that win so we're going to have to come out and play well."

Alberta skip Kevin Koe on his upcoming match at the Tim Hortons Brier against his brother Jamie, who skips the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The brothers clash in Saskatoon on Wednesday morning. Alberta sat atop the leaderboard at 6-1 on Tuesday while the surprising team from the Territories were tied for second with Ontario at 5-1 before Tuesday's evening draw.

NFL

Moss works out for Saints

The New Orleans Saints held a workout on Tuesday with veteran receiver Randy Moss, who is trying to make a comeback after a year out of pro football. The club did not provide any details on how the 35-year-old performed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Leafs re-up with centre Grabovski

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed centre Mikhail Grabovski to a $27.5-million US, five-year contract extension on Tuesday. He was due to become an unrestricted free agent July 1.

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Mikhail Grabovski
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NFL

Saints brass take bounty blame

New Orleans coach Sean Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis take "full responsibility" for the bounty program run by former assistant coach Gregg Williams and said it will never happen again.

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MLB

"It's like when you're getting remarried and you are renewing your vows. That's how I feel."

Centre-fielder Andrew McCutchen who agreed to a to a six-year, $51.5 million deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	64	42	15	2	5	179	133	91	22-7-0-2	20-8-2-3	6-2-1-1	W1
d-Boston	65	39	23	1	2	214	154	81	19-12-1-1	20-11-0-1	4-5-0-1	W1
d-Florida	65	31	22	5	7	163	184	74	16-9-1-7	15-13-4-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	65	39	21	2	3	209	168	83	21-8-2-0	18-13-0-3	8-2-0-0	W6
Philadelphia	64	36	21	2	5	210	191	79	15-10-1-4	21-11-1-1	5-5-0-0	W2
New Jersey	65	36	24	2	3	180	175	77	16-12-0-3	20-12-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	67	34	25	6	2	202	198	76	17-13-2-1	17-12-4-1	6-3-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	67	32	27	4	4	176	187	72	21-10-1-3	11-17-3-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Washington	65	32	28	2	3	172	184	69	21-10-0-2	11-18-2-1	4-6-0-0	L2
Tampa Bay	65	31	28	3	3	184	219	68	20-9-1-1	11-19-2-2	7-3-0-0	W4
Buffalo	66	30	28	4	4	163	186	68	16-11-3-4	14-17-1-0	6-2-1-1	L1
Toronto	66	30	29	4	3	198	206	67	16-13-3-2	14-16-1-1	2-7-1-0	L1
NY Islanders	66	28	29	6	3	154	190	65	15-14-5-0	13-15-2-2	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	65	24	27	8	6	171	197	62	17-13-1-5	7-14-7-1	4-2-2-2	L2
Montreal	66	25	31	2	8	170	184	60	12-15-2-6	13-16-0-2	2-7-0-1	L1

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d-St. Louis	66	41	18	1	6	169	131	89	26-4-1-3	15-14-0-3	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Dallas	66	35	26	1	4	174	178	75	18-12-0-3	17-14-1-1	7-1-1-1	W2
Detroit	66	43	20	1	2	209	153	89	27-4-1-1	16-16-0-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	65	38	20	3	4	184	166	83	21-7-2-3	17-13-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Chicago	67	36	24	4	3	202	195	79	22-7-1-3	14-17-3-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Phoenix	66	33	24	3	6	171	167	75	17-12-2-2	16-12-1-4	6-3-0-1	L3
San Jose	64	33	24	4	3	179	163	73	19-11-2-0	14-13-2-3	2-7-1-0	L2
Los Angeles	65	30	23	5	7	142	139	72	17-13-0-4	13-10-5-3	4-4-1-1	W2
Colorado	67	34	29	3	1	171	180	72	18-15-0-1	16-14-3-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Calgary	66	29	25	5	7	159	181	70	16-9-1-4	13-15-4-3	3-2-2-3	L2
Anaheim	67	29	28	4	6	170	188	68	18-14-2-0	11-14-2-6	5-4-0-1	W1
Minnesota	66	28	28	2	8	143	180	66	15-12-1-3	13-16-1-5	3-5-0-2	L4
Edmonton	65	25	34	2	4	172	196	56	16-13-2-2	9-21-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	65	20	38	2	5	153	214	47	11-18-1-2	9-20-1-3	4-5-1-0	W2

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Last night's results
Boston 5 Toronto 4
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey
Detroit at Philadelphia
Carolina at Washington
Phoenix at Columbus
Ottawa at Tampa Bay
Chicago at St. Louis
Los Angeles at Nashville
Minnesota at Colorado
Montreal at Calgary
Dallas at Vancouver
Edmonton at San Jose
Monday's results
Winnipeg 3 Buffalo 1
Anaheim 4 Edmonton 2
Pittsburgh 2 Phoenix 1
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MONDAY

DUCKS 4, OILERS 2

First Period
1. Anaheim, Blake 6 (Ryan, Fowler) 17:18 (pp)
Penalty — Hemsky Edm (tripping) 15:19.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Horcoff 12 (Schultz) 19:29
Penalties — None.
Third Period
3. Anaheim, Ryan 25 (Selanne) 8:09
4. Anaheim, Perry 32 (Hagman) 16:40
5. Edmonton, Eberle 29 (Nugent-Hopkins, Horcoff) 18:14 (pp)
6. Anaheim, Perry 33, 18:46
Penalties — Sutton Edm (roughing) 8:33, Selanne Ana (tripping) 17:13, Sutton Edm (roughing, slashing) 20:00.
Shots

Edmonton	4	22	10	36
Anaheim	11	8	11	30

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,12-18-5); Anaheim: Hiller (W,26-23-10). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-1; Anaheim: 1-2.
Referees — Rob Martell, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Brian Mach, Shane Heyer.
Att. — 13,596 (17,174) at Anaheim, Calif.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND
Second Leg
Arsenal (England) 3 AC Milan (Italy) 0
(AC Milan advances on 4-3 aggregate)
Benfica (Port.) 2 Zenit St. Petersburg (Rus.) 0
(Benfica advances 4-3)

MONDAY

JETS 3, SABRES 1

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Ladd 21 (Little) 13:45
Penalties — None.
Second Period
2. Buffalo, Tropp 2 (Ellis, Boyes) 19:25
Penalties — Slater Wpg (boarding) 5:58, Ladd Wpg (hooking) 8:33, Myers Buf (tripping) 14:01.
Third Period
3. Winnipeg, Wheeler 15 (Little) 8:02
4. Winnipeg, Thorburn 4 (Little, Enstrom) 10:54
Penalties — Roy Buf (hooking) 18:44, Kaleta Buf, Byfuglien Wpg (roughing) 19:53.
Shots on goal

Buffalo	7	9	8	—24
Winnipeg	10	8	13	—31

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (L,22-18-5); Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,25-21-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-2; Winnipeg: 0-2.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Malkin, Pgh	38	43	81
Stamkos, TB	47	33	80
Giroux, Pha	23	52	75
Spezza, Ott	28	44	72
Kessel, Tor	32	36	68
Lupul, Tor	25	41	66
Karlsson, Ott	15	51	66
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	53	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	28	36	64
Hossa, Chi	27	37	64
Tavares, NYI	26	37	63
Neal, Pgh	30	32	62
Eberle, Edm	29	33	62
Kovalchuk, NJ	25	37	62
St. Louis, TB	22	39	61
Elias, NJ	21	40	61
Ra.Whitney, Phx	21	39	60
Hartnell, Pha	31	28	59
Pominville, Buf	23	36	59
Eriksson, Dal	22	37	59
Datsyuk, Det	16	43	59
Parenteau, NYI	15	44	59
Thornton, SJ	14	45	59
Gaborik, NYR	32	26	58
Selanne, Ana	21	37	58
E.Staal, Car	19	39	58
Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Moulson, NYI	28	28	56
Parise, NJ	27	29	56
Vrbata, Phx	30	25	55
Sharp, Chi	25	30	55
Kopitar, LA	19	36	55
Perry, Ana	33	21	54
Wheeler, Wpg	15	39	54
Zetterberg, Det	15	39	54
Filppula, Det	21	32	53
O.Jokinen, Cal	20	33	53
Bergeron, Bos	19	34	53
P.Kane, Chi	16	37	53
Couture, SJ	27	25	52
Marleau, SJ	26	26	52
Iginla, Cal	25	27	52
Seguin, Bos	22	30	52
Purcell, TB	19	33	52
Benn, Dal	18	33	51
Desharnais, Mtl	14	37	51
Franzen, Det	24	26	50
O'Reilly, Col	16	34	50
Ryder, Dal	28	21	49
Ovechkin, Wash	26	23	49
Pacioretty, Mtl	26	23	49
Hall, Edm	23	26	49
Versteeg, Fla	22	27	49
Ribeiro, Dal	14	35	49
Pavelski, SJ	23	25	48

Last night's games not included

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ROUND-ROBIN STANDINGS

Province (Skip)	W	L
Alberta (K. Koe)	6	1
Northwest Territories/Yukon (J. Koe)	5	1
Ontario (Howard)	5	1
Manitoba (R. Fowler)	4	2
British Columbia (Cotter)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Murphy)	3	3
Northern Ontario (Jacobs)	3	4
New Brunswick (T. Odishaw)	2	4
Saskatchewan (Manners)	2	4
Newfoundland & Labrador (Gushue)	2	5
Quebec (Desjardins)	1	5
P.E.I. (Gaudet)	1	5

Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Alberta 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 1
British Columbia 7 Northern Ontario 3
Manitoba 10 Nova Scotia 7
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 6
Draw 10
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 British Columbia 6
Northern Ontario 7 Alberta 6
Northwest Terr./Yukon 8 Que. 7 (extra end)
Ontario 7 Saskatchewan 5 (extra end)
Draw 11
PEI vs. Northwest Territories/Yukon
New Brunswick vs. Quebec
Manitoba vs. Ontario
Saskatchewan vs. Nova Scotia
Monday's results
Sixth Draw
Northwest Territories/Yukon 9 Sask. 5
Ontario 9 Quebec 8 (extra end)
Seventh Draw
Alberta 8 Prince Edward Island 2
British Columbia 9 Manitoba 5
New Brunswick 8 Northern Ontario 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 10 Nova Scotia 5
Eighth Draw
Alberta 6 Saskatchewan 3
British Columbia 5 Quebec 4
Northwest Terr./Yukon 10 Nfld. & Labrador 6
Ontario 6 Northern Ontario 5 (extra end)
Today's games
All times Eastern
Draw 12, 9:30 a.m.
Northern Ontario vs. Quebec; Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. Alberta; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Saskatchewan; B.C. vs. Ontario.
Draw 13, 2:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. New Brunswick; Prince Edward Island vs. Ontario; Quebec vs. Nova Scotia; Northwest Terr./Yukon vs. Manitoba.
Draw 14, 7:30 p.m.
Manitoba vs. Alberta; Nova Scotia vs. Northern Ontario; Prince Edward Island vs. British Columbia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. N.B.
Tomorrow's games
Draw 15, 9:30 a.m.
Ontario vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. New Brunswick; PEI vs. Quebec.
Draw 16, 2:30 p.m.
Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Prince Edward Island; British Columbia vs. New Brunswick; Northern Ont. vs. Manitoba; N.S. vs. Alberta.
Draw 17, 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. British Columbia; Quebec vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Ontario vs. Alberta; Northern Ont. vs. Sask.
Tiebreakers (if required)

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	8	4	4	.500	94	96	—
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	88	100	—
Rochester	9	4	5	.444	113	111	½
Buffalo	7	2	5	.286	83	92	1½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	8	7	1	.875	109	107	—
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	106	90	2
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Edmonton	6	2	4	.333	64	61	4
Washington	8	2	6	.250	79	100	5

Week Nine
WEEK 10
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Boston at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Colorado at Washington, 8 p.m.
WEEK 11
Friday, March 16
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 17
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Kathleen Clark vice president of marketing & strategy.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Andrew McCutchen on a 6-yr contract.

FOOTBALL

NFL

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed S Thomas DeCoud.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed RB Arian Foster to a five-year contract.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released LB Demorrio Williams.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Named Lamonte Winston director-player engagement.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed S C.J. Spillman to a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Brian Angelichio tight ends coach, Bob Bostad off. line coach, Earnest Byner running backs coach, P.J. Fleck wide receivers coach, Steve Loney asst. offensive line coach, Ben McDaniels offensive asst. & Ron Turner quarterbacks coach.

HOCKEY

NHL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Ottawa D Erik Karlsson $2,500 for slashing Florida F Sean Bergenheim during Sunday's game.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Loaned F Jared Staal to Providence (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled C Brad Mills from Albany (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed C Mikhail Grabovski to a five-year contract.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	32	8	.800	—
d-Miami	28	9	.757	2½
Orlando	25	14	.641	6½
d-Philadelphia	22	17	.564	9½
Indiana	23	13	.639	7
Atlanta	22	15	.595	8½
Boston	19	17	.528	11
New York	18	19	.486	12½
Milwaukee	15	23	.395	16
Cleveland	13	23	.361	17
Toronto	12	26	.316	19
Detroit	12	26	.316	19
New Jersey	12	26	.316	19
Washington	8	29	.216	22½
Charlotte	4	31	.114	25½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	30	8	.789	—
d-San Antonio	25	12	.676	4½
d-L.A. Lakers	23	14	.622	6½
L.A. Clippers	22	14	.611	7
Memphis	22	15	.595	7½
Dallas	22	17	.564	8½
Denver	22	17	.564	8½
Houston	21	17	.553	9
Minnesota	20	19	.513	10½
Portland	19	19	.500	11
Utah	18	19	.486	11½
Phoenix	17	20	.459	12½
Golden State	15	20	.429	13½
Sacramento	12	26	.316	18
New Orleans	9	29	.237	21

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Orlando at Charlotte
Atlanta at Indiana
Houston at Boston
L.A. Lakers at Detroit
New Jersey at Miami
New York at Dallas
Monday's results
Utah 109 Cleveland 100
Orlando 92 Toronto 88
Golden State 120 Washington 100
Chicago 92 Indiana 72
Oklahoma City 95 Dallas 91
Minnesota 95 L.A. Clippers 94
Milwaukee 97 Philadelphia 93
Denver 119 Sacramento 116 (OT)
Portland 86 New Orleans 74
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Houston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

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Passenger pleasure

For enhanced passenger pleasure, the Pilot has improved noise-reducing seals beneath the body panels, added insulation inside the door pillars and "quieter" acoustic windshield glass.

The cabin features a restyled dashboard, gauges and central panel stack.

2012 Honda Pilot

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/four-wheel-drive eight-passenger sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.8/7.8 (FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $36,400.

The Pilot's 3.5-litre V6 produces 250 horsepower.

Engine

Honda has coaxed greater operating economy from the standard 250-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 with internal-friction-reducing coatings, by improving alternator performance and with higher efficiency spark plugs. Additional mods include a more efficient power-steering pump.

Review. Honda charts a slight course correction for its popular all-roader

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

It has been said that the eyes are the window to the soul. In automotive terms, perhaps the same can be said for the grille.

More specifically, Honda's eight-passenger Pilot that was redesigned for the 2009 model year projected a go-anywhere strength and ruggedness.

Too tough, maybe. A restyle for 2012 softens the look for friendlier, more aesthetically pleasing demeanor.

Added to the grille adjustment, the Pilot receives new headlamps along with new and repositioned turn signals and a revised front air dam that reduces fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag.

What remains pretty much hidden from view is the Pilot's familial connection to Honda's premium-division Acura MDX.

Both of these unique wagons share the same basic platform, but from that point the comparison pretty much ends.

The Pilot's squared-off shape reinforces its sport utility-vehicle leanings, although ground-clearance limitations restrict the fun to boulder-free terrain and shin-deep – as opposed to knee-deep – mud. Even so, fording a 48-centimetre-deep body of standing water is apparently no problem for this rig.

Taken in its entirety, the modestly tweaked 2012 Pilot isn't a whole lot different.

But in a category where impressions count, this Honda puts its best face forward and backs it up with sufficient comfort and capability to win the day.

The biggest change in the cabin is the centrestack switchgear and gadgetry.

A look at the rear of the Pilot.

By comparison

1 Mazda CX-9
Base price: $30,200

2 Nissan Pathfinder
Base price: $29,400

3 Toyota Highlander
Base price: $28,900

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Time machine in Chile

Autoknow. Revisiting 1988 with the help of a Hyundai Elantra

GARRY SOWERBY
Wheelbase Media

Life is comfortable inside the Hyundai Elantra GLS.

It's quiet too, except for the flipping-map-page sounds that my wife Lisa Calvi is making.

We are relaxed and joke about all the things we'll do on our escape from North America's gloomy, frozen winter.

Traffic is speedy on the four-lane freeway and even though the cruise control is set precisely at the 120 km/h speed limit, almost every car on the road is passing us. In the late afternoon the sun is high, looking more like noon.

My mind wanders then focuses on the last time I drove this Chilean section of the Pan American Highway. That was 25 years ago and instead of motoring south to the Colchugua Valley in a nimble and sporty Elantra, it was north in a diesel pick-up truck. It wasn't my loving wife beside me but burley Montana-based Rolling Stone magazine writer Tim Cahill.

The interior of the Elantra is neat and tidy. There's perfect instrumentation, my iPhone on the centre console and laptop computers in the back seat beside a Nikon digital camera.

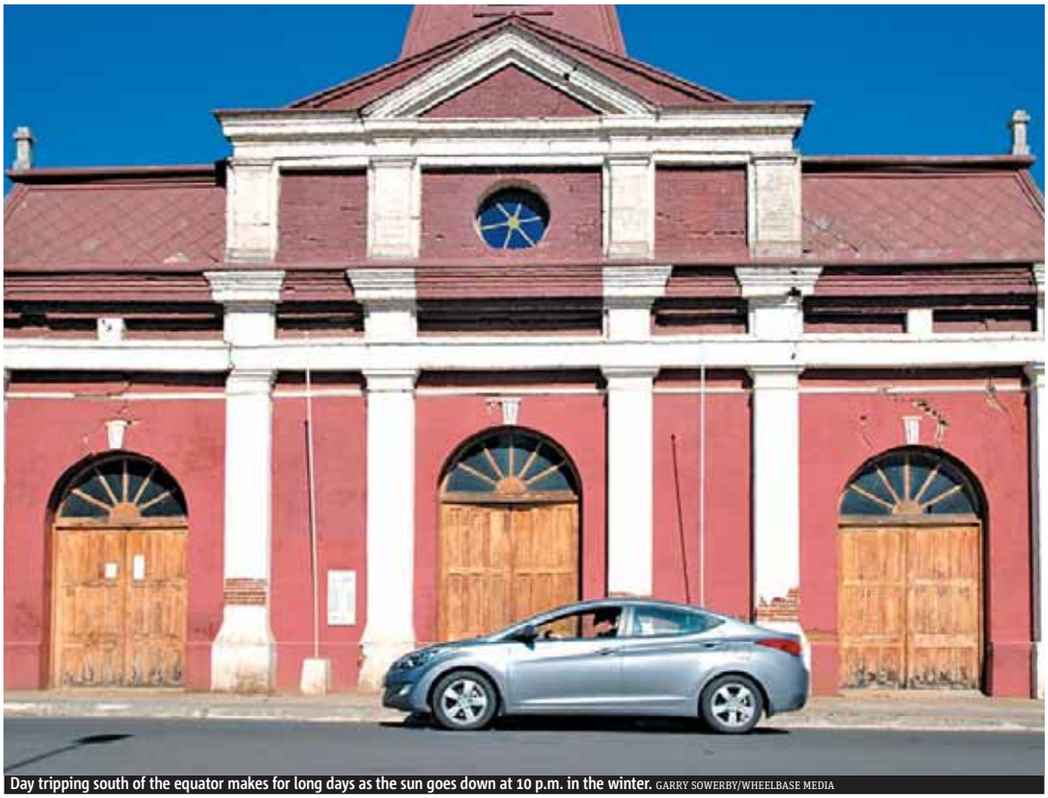
Want to touch base with home? Simply pick up that iPhone and call, text or email. No need, we'll be in Santa Cruz, hub of the Colchugua Valley winery area, settled into the cosy Hotel TerraVina in an hour. Our biggest problem will be deciding whether to try the upscale Italian Restaurant across the vineyard or the cute Peruvian one down the road for a late sunset dinner.

Quote

"Driving Chilean secondary roads is like playing an arcade game. Traffic moves at a lively clip and tailgating seems a national sport as drivers prepare to pass."
Garry Sowerby

Twenty-five years ago when Tim and I were at this point in the first production 1988 GMC 3500 diesel Sierra pick-up, things were different. We had driven non-stop for three days from Ushuaia on the Argentina side of Tierra del Fuego, about the same duration since Lisa and I arrived in Santiago.

The Sierra was filthy inside and out. Tired and wound tight with what lay ahead, we looked and smelled the part; bleary-eyed young men bent on setting a new record for the quickest time from the bottom to the top of the Americas to set a Guinness record. We were hoping to rendezvous with a container ship in Carthana, Columbia on Day 11 of the quest. We had no iPhone, laptop computers or digital cameras because they did not exist. Texting, email, fax machines or a freeway Chilean sector of the Pan American Highway? Dream on.



Day tripping south of the equator makes for long days as the sun goes down at 10 p.m. in the winter. GARRY SOWERBY/WHEELBASE MEDIA

"Take the Carrtera del Vino exit four kilometres past San Fernando then its about 45 minutes to the hotel." Lisa snaps me out of the daydream.

Over the next week we slip into vacation mode as every day seems like two. With sunset close to 10 p.m. winter days are long that far south of the equator. Life at Hotel TerraVina surrounded by a seemingly endless vineyard is relaxed.

A week in Chile's premium wine-making area tucked in the Andean foothills 200 kilometres south of the sprawling capital Santiago is like an all-inclusive holiday, indeed. However, rather than being trapped in the confines of a Caribbean or Mexican beach resort with throngs of North American vacationers, Colchagua Valley with its meandering back roads, superb wineries and funky commercial hub, Santa Cruze, is a resort all its own.

On the 11th day, we load the Hyundai for the three-hour drive back to Santiago and our flight home. As I set the Elantra's cruise control at 120 km/h, I look over at Lisa. She is tanned and relaxed as she checks e-mail on her iPhone.

"There's a message here from the airline," she says. "Looks like the Business Class upgrades have come through."

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Giving small cars some serious attitude

Small cars were looking more sleek and sporty at the Geneva Auto Show on Tuesday as global automakers struggling to make a profit in Europe tried to entice consumers to look past the continent's economic gloom.

Ford premiered the B-Max, a subcompact aimed at families, while Mercedes is looking for younger buyers – read under 50 – for the new A Class. Audi rolled out the third-generation in its A3 series, which 15 years ago was the first compact in the premium market.

Fiat launched its 500L, an elongated version of the tiny 500 city car that is being made in Serbia, and Toyota has put a little snarl on the hybrid version of its bestselling Yaris to give it a more aggressive look. Peugeot is setting an automotive standard by making its new 208 smaller than its predecessor.

The launches are a far cry from the days when small cars were spartan money-savers. While remaining easy on fuel consumption and light on emissions, these models are tooled with the latest safety features and touches of luxury to spruce up the compact and subcompact segments that comprise some 80 per cent of the European market.

By the numbers

58%

Fiat is among a long list of European automakers that is losing money in Europe that includes Peugeot-Citroen PSA, General Motors' Adam Opel, and Renault. Fiat is aiming to build cars in Italy for export to the United States, where it has a 58.8 per cent share in Chrysler through a nearly three-year-old alliance.

"Remember when smaller cars used to be cheap and cheerful? Now the consumers want the finest quality, the finest fuel efficiency, safety and design," said Ford CEO Alan Mulally.

The problem for European mass market automakers is that consumer demand has shrivelled under the pressure of the sovereign debt crisis: this year sales are expected to shrink nearly five per cent to 12.9 million units, according to the Center for Automotive Research.

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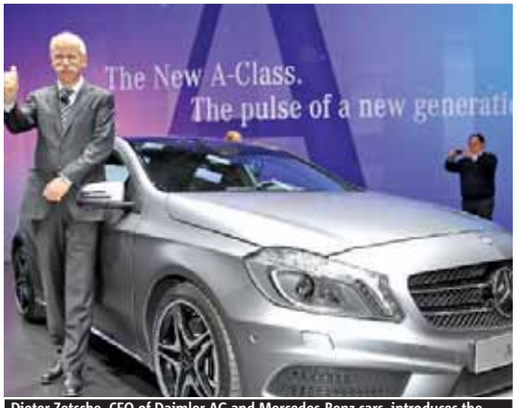

Dieter Zetsche, CEO of Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz cars, introduces the new A-Class on Tuesday at the Geneva International Motor Show.

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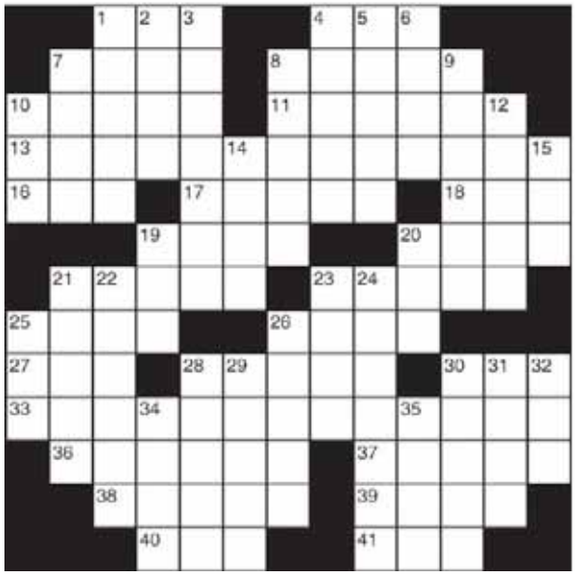

Across

1 Animation frame
4 "Undeniably"
7 Pop
8 Knighted women
10 Dark
11 Gather
13 Paid
16 Possess
17 66, for example
18 Dead heat
19 "Green Acres" setting
20 Old fogy
21 2009 news-making pilot, familiarly
23 San Diego athlete
25 Sicilian spouter
26 Small pie
27 In favor of
28 Paces
30 Glutton
33 Behaving
36 Throw off the tracks
37 Particular occasion
38 Type of cotton thread
39 Tittle
40 That woman
41 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)

Down

1 Punctuation marks
2 Rewrite, maybe
3 Sideways
4 Pleasure boat
5 Host
6 Belgrade native
7 Winter forecast
8 Fact
9 Swain
10 Venusian vessel?
12 Drop a sound
14 "Finding Nemo" character
15 Virgo neighbor
19 Orlando st.
20 Banned pesticide
21 Got up
22 Play out, as fishing line
23 Maze option
24 "— and Old Lace"
25 Sala-mander
26 Piece of info on a marquee
28 Grit your teeth
29 Spry
30 1492 craft
31 Erstwhile Peruvian
32 "Gosh!"
34 Rainbow
35 Circle

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Monday's answer

S	I	T	S		T	S	P		G	R	A	D		
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C	A	M	E	L	O	T		A	N	N	O	Y		
			S	I	S		O	L	D					
H	O	R	S	E		C	A	M	E	R	O	N		
I	V	E			F	A	R			A	B	A		
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A	L	E	E		R	O	E		S	K	I	S		
B	E	N	D		A	D	D		T	E	S	T		

Sudoku

4					6		1	8
			5					7
8			1				2	
			8	9	5		4	
	2						6	
	9		7	6	2			
	8				1			3
3					7			
7	5		9					2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

6	2	5	1	7	9	8	4
8	7	9	4	3	6	1	2
3	4	1	2	8	5	6	9
2	9	3	7	4	1	5	8
7	1	6	8	5	2	9	3
5	8	4	6	9	3	2	7
9	5	7	3	1	8	4	6
1	3	2	9	6	4	7	5
4	6	8	5	2	7	3	1

Send a kiss

- **MY MAN.** okay maybe not today, but tomorrow or that next day for sure. i dont even know why were arguing anyways LOL but i waanna talk to you so imma do it, it would be easier if you would meet me in the library by those round tables at the back at 1124. Ill be waiting:P love you From extraextralious
- **Vikky Prince.** hi tori you dont know how happy i am its true you promised to come here to your home but didnt still i am glad that you are in calgary and with your family HAPPY FREED-OME. From Jose
- **Bimmervalt Secret Crush.** It has been 8 months and my feelings for you get deeper and deeper by the second. I love you although you don't. I know I'm such a loser!!! From Loser
- **Blitz.** I had such a good time being big spoon last night, you are the perfect little spoon. Call me so we can do it again soon! From TheGayGhost
- **Sexy Redhead in Eng Phys.** I think I have the eigen-function, to satisfy your eigenvalue problem. Nerd love <3. From Eng Phys Lady to be

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Someone on the work front is giving you a hard time at the moment but you are advised to stay calm and not let your anger get the better of you

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will defend someone you don't much like today.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. If you fear the worst today then the worst will most likely happen.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The approaching full moon warns there is a real chance you will bite off more than you can chew and end up looking silly.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will either get an extraordinary amount of work done today or no work at all

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You feel you deserve more than you are currently getting, and no doubt you are right, but it won't just happen as if by magic.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. This could be and should be a beneficial time for you, but good things won't just fall into your lap.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will get lucky in some way today, but you may feel guilty about it as those around you have to deal with a series of misfortunes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone in a position of authority will put you to the test over the next few days and you will need all your mental and emotional strength to win through.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Don't waste your time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to work things out for themselves.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Give your mind and body a rest over the next 24 hours

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Believe in yourself and have faith in your abilities.

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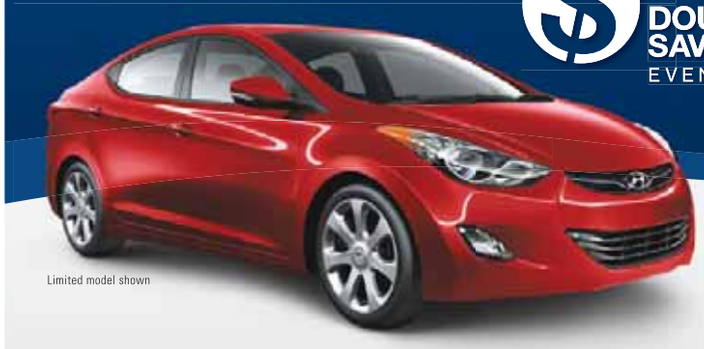

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